DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO

SECURITY COMMITTEE

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Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, Executive Order 11905

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and National Security Council Intelligence Directives, a Security Committee is hereby established as a standing Director of Central Intelligence Committee with the following mission and functions.

1. Mission

The mission of the committee is to provide the means by which the Director of Central Intelligence, with the advice of National Foreign Intelligence Board principals, can:

- a. Ensure establishment of security policies and procedures including recommendations for legislation for the protection of intelligence and intelligence sources and methods² from unauthorized disclosure.
- b. Review and formulate personnel, physical and document security policies, standards and practices and dissemination procedures applicable to all organizations of the Executive Branch as such policies, standards, practices and procedures relate to the protection of intelligence sources and methods in consideration of the effectiveness, risks and cost factors involved.

c. Review and formulate policies and procedures governing the release of intelligence to foreign governments and international organizations and the review of classified intelligence proposed for release to the public through declassification or other action. With respect to foreign disclosure, ensure that releases are in consonance with US security policy,

and that the intelligence itself is accorded a degree of protection equal to that afforded by the United States. With respect to public release, ensure that disclosure or declassification actions are taken pursuant to proper authority and that they are accomplished so as to minimize the risk to intelligence sources and methods.

d. Ensure that appropriate lawful investigations are made of any unauthorized disclosure or compromise of intelligence or of intelligence sources and methods and that the results of such investigations, along with appropriate recommendations, are provided to the Director of Central Intelligence.

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¹This directive supersedes DCID No. 1/11 effective 23 August 1974.

²The term intelligence as used in this document applies only to information covered by statute, Executive Order, or other authority consonant with the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence for foreign intelligence and for the protection of intelligence and intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

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- f. Review special security and compartmentation procedures and develop proposals for any necessary changes to achieve optimum use of intelligence consistent with protection of sensitive intelligence sources and methods.
- g. Ensure the development, review and maintenance of security standards and procedures for the protection of intelligence stored in or processed by computers.
- h. Establish and direct an aggressive and imaginative program of research and development leading to improved security equipment and techniques.

2. Functions

The functions of the committee are:

- a. To advise and assist the Director of Central Intelligence as appropriate in the development and review of security policies, standards, procedures and practices for the protection of intelligence and intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosures.
- b. To review, formulate and recommend to the Director of Central Intelligence policies, standards and procedures for the dissemination of intelligence materials, for the release of such materials to foreign governments and for the review of classified intelligence proposed for use in unclassified activities.
- c. On behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence, to call upon intelligence organizations to investigate any unauthorized disclosure or compromise of intelligence or of intelligence sources and methods occurring within their organizations, to report the results of these investigations to the Director of Central Intelligence, through the National Foreign Intelligence Board. Such reports will (1) assess the disclosure's impact on the US intelligence process, and its implications for national security and foreign relations, (2) describe corrective measures taken or needed to prevent such disclosures in the future or to minimize the adverse effects of the case at hand, and (3) recommend any appropriate additional actions.

d. The functions of the committee as they relate to computer security, special security compartmentation and security research and development are set forth in Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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3. Community responsibilities

- a. Upon request of the committee chairman, Intelligence Community organizations shall furnish to the committee within established security safeguards particular information or materials needed by the committee and pertinent to its functions.
- b. The head of each Intelligence Community organization is responsible for investigation of any unauthorized disclosure or compromise of intelligence or intelligence sources and methods occurring within his organization. When investigation determines that the possibility of compromise cannot be discounted, and the interests of another organization are involved or affected, the results of investigation will be forwarded to the Security Committee for review and possible remedial action as determined appropriate by the committee.

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4. Composition, organization and rules of procedure

a. The composition, organization and rules of procedure of the Security Committee are those stated in DCID 1/3.

b. The committee will be supported by permanent subcommittees for computer security, special security compartmentation and security research and development. The chairmen of these subcommittees will be designated by the committee chairman with the concurrence of the Director of Central Intelligence.

George Bush Director of Central Intelligence

Attachments (4)

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